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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/599,806

**Applicant(s)**

RUTHFIELD ET AL.

**Examiner**

Steven P Sax

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-58, 61 and 62 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 59, 60 and 63-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined.
2. The amendment filed 5/27/04 has been entered.
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 59-60, 63-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adar et al (6493702).
5. Regarding claim 59, Adar et al show a method of displaying quick links to user information (abstract, column 4 lines 30-35), including: displaying multiple different algorithms from which a user can select (Figures 2-3, column 5 lines 30-60, column 6 lines 35-45), the algorithms being configured to display quick links to which a user can navigate (Figure 6, column 7 lines 20-35), individual algorithms being employable across different content types (Figures 2, 6, column 7 lines 20-40). When a user selects

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an algorithm, the corresponding quick links are displayed (column 8 lines 3-20, column 5 lines 30-60).

6. Regarding claim 60, individual algorithms are configured to process dynamically changing information to determine which quick links to display (column 7 lines 1-18, Figure 4).

7. Regarding claim 63, the algorithms include a top favorites that enables the user to view links associated with items on a favorites list visited most often by a user or recently added (column 6 lines 35-62).

8. Regarding claim 64, the algorithms include suggested favorites that include often and recently visited items (column lines 47-67, column 12 lines 5-19).

9. Regarding claim 65, the algorithms include showing the last item of a particular content type visited (column 11 lines 3-18 and 49-67).

10. Regarding claim 66, this combines the features of claims 63-65 and is rejected for the same reasons as rejecting all those claims.

11. Regarding claim 67, this is the computer readable medium equivalent claim of claim 59, and is rejected for the same reasons as that claim.

12. Claims 1-58, 61-62, 68, are allowable over the prior art of record. The amendment brings out the features which combined in the context of the claims clarifies the distinctions over the prior art. Applicants' comments also were useful to explain the invention and interpretation of the claims for the record.

13. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is 703-305-9582. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 703-308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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